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The Truth is Out There . . .

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 16, 1994 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 Sharp
LOCATION: 8227 E. Orange Blossom, Scottsdale, AZ (Clubhouse)
PROGRAM: Peter Gersten speaking on UFOs and the Freedom of Information Act

FROM THE BRIDGE . . . STARDATE 01011995

For those of you who were not in attendance at the December MUFON-AZ meeting, you are probably not aware that Ray Maurer, our Arizona State Director for the past three years, has chosen to step down and to name me as your new State Director (with the approval of Walt Andrus).

Under Ray's leadership we have had regular monthly meetings with varied programs consisting of speakers, videos, general discussions and the like. We also produce this monthly newsletter to keep members informed of what's taking place. This is the first time that I am aware of that Arizona has had such an active UFO group since the demise of A.P.R.O.

Many thanks are due Ray for his time and effort, and we will be looking forward to seeing him at the monthly meetings. Ray will be continuing his work with abductees.

Things are underway for the Arizona MUFON All-State meeting. It will be held Saturday, February 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1440 W. University in Tempe. The program will include presentations by the various Section Directors around the state; two additional speakers are also being lined up to present programs of their own. The details are still being worked out and confirmed at this moment, but the February newsletter will be mailed early to give you exact details. *There will be no regular MUFON-AZ meeting in February due to the Statewide meeting.*

In addition, Richard Motzer has agreed to head up Investigator Trainee classes for the Phoenix area MUFON-AZ members, and hopefully these classes will be held in March or April. Check with me at the February meeting, when I will have a better idea of times and places for these classes.

I received a call recently on the Hotline from a person living in Yarnell, AZ (north and a little bit east of Wickenburg) who claims to have videotaped UFOs in the area over the past month or so. Plans are being made to go up and check that out.

The investigation into the recent sighting in Gila Bend has gone as far as it can go for now. Having made several trips down there, I was able to determine that it was the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office which was involved, but I have not been able to track down which of the two officers were specifically involved. If anyone reading this has any contacts with that office, please let me know.

The video from Prescott has been viewed, and it does appear that an "object" was videotaped. This is still being studied.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the meeting for attendance at the Stanton Friedman talk (Tuesday, February 7 in Yuma). We plan to carpool, so if you are available that day and want to go, be sure to sign up when the sheet comes around. If you miss the sign-up sheet, call the Hotline and leave your phone number so we can contact you about being included in the trip.

Please continue to report sightings from your area and send me news clippings so that we may all be made aware of them. This is YOUR group, remember, and without YOUR help -- reporting, investigating, writing articles, sending clippings, etc. -- we don't have much of a group. Don't just sit back and "let everyone else do it." **GET INVOLVED!**

I look forward to your continued support and input.

Tom Taylor
State Director



MEDIA WATCH

by Tom Taylor

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are not notified of the majority of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

REMEMBER: THE TV CHANNEL AFFILIATIONS ARE CONTINUING TO CHANGE. AS OF JANUARY 9 MANY OF THE SHOWS ON CHANNEL 15 SWITCHED TO CHANNEL 3; EVEN BEFORE THAT CHANNEL 10 BECAME AFFILIATED WITH FOX; CHANNEL 5 BECAME CBS, AND SO ON. BE SURE TO CHECK CURRENT TV LISTINGS BEFORE VIEWING!

Sunday evenings, KFYI Radio, 910 AM - Art Bell's "Dreamland" Radio Program: Art chose to rerun several of his interviews with Richard Hoagland over the holidays for the benefit of those listeners who had not heard the original broadcasts.

Every night, KTAR Radio, 620 AM, 9 p.m. - Strauss' Place with Bill Strauss: Bob Dean, Jim Delettoso and Wendelle Stevens were on Bill's call-in talk program here just before Christmas. The program was very well done and we wish him luck in his future UFO forums. As we are made aware of them, we will mention them here in the newsletter.

Bill Strauss also filled in for Pat McMahon on his live TV talk show on Channel 10 a week or so ago. He featured Jim Delettoso speaking on UFOs, and it was a very interesting program. Jim has done a lot of work on the Billy Meir case and examined lots of those photos. A lot of us probably changed our views on Billy Meir after seeing the investigation Jim has done into the situation.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Phoenix: Wednesdays, Noon to 2 p.m., Local Public Access Cable [Dimension Channel 22 in some areas]. Scottsdale: Fridays, 3:30 p.m. and Monday, 6:00 p.m., Channel 28. Ted Loman, Jim Nichols and friends co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

UFO Update AZ - Order copies of this publication by Mike and Roger Bollinger by contacting UFO Update AZ, 12629 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite 109; Phoenix, AZ 85032 or calling (602) 494-9279.

Sightings - Saturdays at 9 p.m., Channel 15.

X Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

Encounters - Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Most of the UFO-related programs held over the holidays including Sightings, Encounters, X Files, etc. were reruns.

Keep your eyes to the sky!

UFO TRIP TO ENGLAND AND IRELAND

Sponsored by the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International and led by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, this trip promises to be most interesting and informative.

While in England we will be meeting with various groups to include CSETI, ASSAP (Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena), ISTR (Interplanetary Space Travel Research Association) and BUFORA (British UFO Research Association) and touring areas of UFO activity such as Wiltshire, Warminster, Canterbury and Manchester. In addition to visiting the usual notable tourist attractions, we will explore Stonehenge, Woodhenge, Avebury, Silbury Hill and Oliver's castle (crop circles) to name a few.

It Dublin we will visit the tourist sights and spend a day of meetings and site visits with Irish UFO researchers and a contingency of members from Irish UFO organizations. Included are visits to Newgrange, Hill of Tara, Stone of Destiny, Rath of the Synods, and the Sloping Trenches.

The trip leaves March 25, 1995 from New York and will return April 7, 1995. The cost comes close to \$5,000 and covers most meals, etc. Air fare to and from New York is not included. Interested parties may contact Susie Smith at 423-9356 for more information.

Susie Smith
MUFON-AZ

SIGHTING NEAR GILA BEND

I saw a large spacecraft last Wednesday, November 23, at about 6:00 a.m. It was west of Painted Rock Dam heading south and, though it looked round with the naked eye, viewed through a telescope it appeared to be crescent-shaped with the forward edge appearing to be like it was on fire . . . perhaps this was just air movement over the leading edge.

Elect Philip
Children of Light

[NOTE: Elect Philip was recently interviewed by Tom Taylor and Al Coury. The Children of Light community is located northwest of Gila Bend.]

FIELD INVESTIGATOR TRAINER APPOINTED

I have recently been appointed Field Investigator Trainer for our group. I am a designer of electronic TV and radio circuits with 20 years of experience in the analog video enhancement field. I have developed special computer processes for work with UFO photos pertaining to energy fields around the spacecraft. I am an associate of the Mars Mission headed by Richard C. Hoagland reviewing the Cydonia area of Mars. I am also currently investigating the moon structures (which he featured at a MUFON-AZ meeting last year) on our own moon and one of Jupiter's moons and segments of NASA's STS-48 mission.

I will be taking all the training courses required and will then train those members of MUFON who are interested and assign them to local sightings events for additional information. From time to time I will conduct

workshops and present reports of our findings to the rest of our members.

I will make myself available to all members of MUFON-AZ and hope to be a good appointee as your State Field Investigator Trainer.

Richard Motzer
Field Investigator Trainer

CALENDAR

Tucson MUFON Group - Tucson area members are advised to phone Jean Staffen, Asst. Section Director, for further information (323-7981). Messages can be left for Tom Kuszelewicz, Pima County Section Director, at 881-1252 (Tucson) or 398-2573 (Arivaca).

Yuma MUFON Group - The January meeting will take place Sunday, January 15, 1:30 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Gershaw from Western Arizona College. Contact Doris Barley for more information at 726-0570.

February 7 - Stanton Friedman will be speaking at Arizona Western College in Yuma, 9500 S. Ave. 8 East, at 7:00 p.m. Phoenix members interested in carpooling should sign up at the January MUFON meeting or call the Hotline (407-2685).

February 18 (SATURDAY) - First Arizona State MUFON Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 1440 W. University, Tempe (*there will be no regular meeting on February 20!!*) Speakers will be listed in February's newsletter, which will be sent out early. This meeting is for MUFON-AZ and International MUFON members only.

April 7-9 - Seventh Annual Ozark UFO conference, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. For further information call (501) 354-2558.

July 7, 8 & 9 - MUFON 1995 International UFO Symposium - Red Lion Hotel Searac, Seattle, Washington. For further information contact Marilyn Childs, P.O. Box 1012, Bothell, WA 98041-1012.

ASK MARILYN

Parade Magazine 1/1/95

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT



What would be the most exciting discovery you could possibly make? (I don't mean an invention or something to cure a problem, but a discovery like an early explorer finding an unknown continent.)

**—Bob Bloodsworth,
Hagerstown, Md.**

It's hard to imagine anything more thrilling than discovering intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

THE OMEGA PROJECT

Kenneth Ring (William Morrow, New York)
320 pages - \$12.00 paperback
Book Report

If you are convinced that the ultimate answer to the UFO mystery is already in the lock boxes of some government-military-corporate alliance, the subtitle, "Near Death Experiences, UFO Encounters and Mind at Large," might dissuade you from reading this intriguing book. Whitley Strieber (author of Communion) and numerous other "experiencers" (e.g. Betty Luca) served as the stimuli for the launch of this project which seeks to find the meaning for UFOs and NDEs squirreled away in our own mental lock boxes.

Based on a battery of mostly subjective questionnaires, Dr. Ring postulates that people who experience UFO encounters, Near Death Experiences, and those who like you and I are merely curious about such things have similar family, social psychic and emotional upbringings that allow us in varying degrees to tap into an emergency phenomenon which, because of the deterioration of the planet and the threats to life herein, is being thrust on all mankind. Thus "experiencers" are, according to Ring, the leading edge recipients of the ongoing and evolutionary product of "Mind at Large" in its search for new survival techniques in the face of imminent ecological catastrophe.

The following quote from pages 234-235 will illustrate: "... what the earth requires and seems to be producing is its own form of shamanically oriented steward. The real caretakers of the planet, from this perspective, are not Betty Luca's aliens, but the Betty Lucas themselves who have come to sojourn in a domain where they can detect the warning signals emanating from Mind at Large." And the following truncated quote from page 38, "The empirical heart of this book is a survey [of NDE and UFO encounters] . . . participants [who] filled out an extensive . . . questionnaires . . . what my survey shows . . . is that there is a distinctive psychological profile . . . and it is the same for near-death experiences . . . there is what I call 'an encounter-prone personality' . . ."

Ring acknowledges the limits of this type of study, which seeks to measure subjective phenomena. The author also acknowledges his bias (per Tielhard de Chardin) for a cosmic "Omega" answer to mundane questions. Not surprisingly, he finds that he seeks. Using Aldous Huxley's term "Mind at Large" as defined and amplified by the work of Michael Grosso, Ring gives numerous examples of UFO encounters and NDEs in support of his thesis but these seem rather to support more prosaic explanations such as those put forward by Raymond Flower in "Watchers" and Jacques Vallee in "Confrontations." While acknowledging these possibilities, Ring argues (page 235) that "These persons, our extraordinary experiencers are, I believe, the true visionaries of our time, the bearers of the emerging myth of the twenty-first century calling us to a cosmic-centered view of our place in creation, a myth that has the power to ignite the fires of a worldwide planetary regeneration and thus to save us from the icy blasts of Thanatos' nuclear winter."

Professor Ring has furnished an outstanding bibliography, informative footnotes and a wonderful forward by Whitley Strieber which makes the whole thing worth the price of admission. Strieber, lamenting that he receives nearly 50 letters a day from people

who seemingly share his experience, agrees with Ring's conclusion that it is in the heart, soul and mind of man that the explanation will be found for UFO experiences and their close "imaginal" cousins, Near Death Experiences.

"We are meant to be baffled." Mind at Large has given us a cosmic koan! While you may not concur in Ring's findings, you will appreciate the scholarly journey on which he will take you. A challenging book for those seeking an answer to the UFO mystery and highly recommended to those who are certain they already have it! Your premises and even your experiences may be tested. Enjoy!

Herb Moran
MUFON-AZ Member

UFO FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S TRAINING GUIDE

Now available: UFO Field Investigator's Training Guide: an introduction to methodologies, techniques and scientific disciplines for performing UFO investigations and support of the Mutual UFO Network by T. David Spencer (304 pages in 3-ring binder). Order from MUFON in Seguin, Texas for \$30 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. Do not confuse this training guide with the fourth edition of the MUFON Field Investigator's manual. This guide is an asset to the instructors conducting field investigator training classes as well as the students.

PARANORMAL TEST AND EVALUATION REPORT November 24, 1994

Subject Matter: "UFO Interference with Vehicles and Self-Starting Engines," in the MUFON, 1983 Symposium Proceedings appears to conflict with a recently published translation of French UFO data in the MUFON Journal (January 1994, No. 309, case 10, p. 12). The former suggests that the UFO ionized the air, surrounding the rubber ignition wire, may have caused the high voltage sparks to short to ground. Also, that attempts to restart the engine failed, although the engine cranked over. (This appears to eliminate the starter motor and battery as UFO affected components.) An eye witness master mechanic observed, "the sparks were seen to jump from the plug lead across the coil to the metal side of the car and back again" . . . The latter reported a diesel powered engine vehicle would not start while in the vicinity of a UFO, "something which had never happened before. When the luminous mass departed, the truck started upon the first try."

Since diesel engines do not use high voltage, and if the report is correct, then suspicion is placed on the ionization of air theory as the cause of the engine failures. With this in mind, I have elected to test and perhaps try to simulate the UFO interference of gasoline fueled internal combustion engines with the assumption that a magnetic field was the culprit.

Test Description: A magnetic crane was used as a source of flux in an attempt to stall a 1974 Chevrolet Cheyenne 20 pickup truck. The crane used a Sharader magnet that was 12" thick and 45" in diameter. The flux power was produced in the magnet by a Lincoln arc welder at 200 amperes and 60 VDC. The truck engine employs a standard ignition system (a distributor with mechanical points and a capacitor) and silicon rubber ignition wire with a carbon wire core. The engine hood

was down with the engine running, as were the stalled cars. The pickup truck driven positioning the hood under the crane's magnet. At the beginning of the test, the bottom of the magnet was placed at the height of the cab's top, and its center was located just beyond the radiator. I sat in the truck to monitor the engine.

Test Procedure: The operator sequentially energized the magnet, then carefully lowered it, then de-energized and energized the magnet again. He repeated this procedure until the truck's hood began to distort and the front wheels began to rise off the ground. In this final position the magnet appeared to be about 6 to 8 inches from the top of the truck's hood. The operator then gave about 3 or 4 magnetic jolts, and then concluded the test for fear of damaging the vehicle.

Test Results: The engine ran as well at the end of the test as it did at the beginning, without even a hiccup in between.

Conclusion: High density, low pulsating, magnetic flux from a low-voltage source will not stall a gasoline internal combustion engine (with hood closed), although its force may be sufficient to levitate a 3/4 ton truck.

In my opinion, if the same amount of magnetic density used in the test were distributed over the entire truck's surface, the truck would then have levitated. This magnitude of flux appears to have produced a sufficient amount of force to resemble the UFOs that levitated some vehicles off the highway. The flux level was alternating and capable of inducing potential changes in conductors. But it did not stall the engine. The UFO, with about the same lifting power, did stall the vehicles. It seems reasonable to assume that the UFO's power source differed from ours. Our test was generated from a low 60 VDC source. Perhaps the magnetic source from the alleged UFOs was generated from a higher voltage level, thus ionizing the air and shorting out the high voltage from the ignition coil, as was suggested in the subject article. Or perhaps there is still another unknown cause for the engine failure.

The master mechanic in the subject article observed sparks jumping from the plug lead to the metal surface. Perhaps those moving sparks were not the cause of the engine stalling, instead were an indication of decreasing engine performance from international, of the 60s vintage, had a miss. While the engine was running, I placed my hand amongst the rubber ignition wires to look for loose wires. I observed sparks jumping from the wire to my hand (it was a hot, dry Arizona day). I then replaced the ignition wire and improved the engine's performance.

Acknowledgments: Many thanks to Willie Thoman who contributed his time, crane and skill, thus enabling this test to be performed without incident.

Tom Kuszelewicz
Pima Co. Section Director

CATTLE MUTILATIONS CONTINUE IN NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico MUFON group reported on 56 cattle mutilations in 1994. The "high strangeness" continues to occur in the northern areas of the state, and incredible videotapes have been taken.

We highly recommend that those readers interested in detailed reports of these mutilations as they are investigated subscribe to New Mexico MUFON's newsletter. Ten issues are \$10; you can make checks payable to and mail your check to: NM MUFON NEWS, P.O. Box 2786, Corrales, NM 87048.

PUBLICATIONS

ISCNI (Institute for the Study of Contact with Non-Human Intelligence), Michael Lindemann, president, has a bookstore catalogue and an on-line computer "campus." Charter membership is \$60/year. Info: e-mail at ISCNI@aol.com; FAX 1-800-563-8503, toll-free 1-800-41-ISCNI, or write 3463 State St. #440, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Heartland UFO Journal (formerly Amateur Ufology News) is available for \$18 per year from Heartland UFO Journal, P.O. Box 440, Lockwood, MO 65682. Phone (417) 232-4856.

For a signed copy of Karl Pflock's Roswell In Perspective inscribed to whoever you wish, send \$25 (which includes shipping and handling and is \$3 less than the FUROR price) to Karl T. Pflock, P.O. Box 93338, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3338. Be sure to indicate the name of the person (if any) to whom you wish the book inscribed.

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TELEVISION SPECIAL TO AIR

José Escamilla is producing a 90-minute TV special entitled "RODS - Biological Entities Among Us?" concerns the cigar-shaped objects discovered at Midway since March 1994. The RODS are thought to possibly be some type of biological or interdimensional insects. The special will feature a mass videotaping of this phenomenon by people all over the world.

José won the EBE award at the International Congress in Mesquite, NV recently for his video *The Midway Sightings--Unclassified Footage*. Copies of this video may be ordered for \$25 plus \$3 shipping from Ultimate Dinosaur Productions, P.O. Box 434, Roswell, NM 88202.

From NM MUFON News
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Declassified documents available now on Internet



Online

Thousands of previously **classified** government documents, including those discussing experiments with nuclear weapons and radiation, are now listed on the Internet.

Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary last week announced the launch of **OpenNet**, a public database accessed on the World Wide Web.

The online index guides users through documents covering topics such as human radiation experiments, nuclear testing, radiation releases and historical records. The bibliographic database contains references for documents declassified by the Department of Energy after Oct. 1, 1994.

OpenNet can be reached via <http://www.doe.gov> — the department's home page on the Web, an easy-to-use area of the Internet.

Arizona Republic

Plane delivers secret cargo

3 WASHINGTON — Secret Russian cargo bulky enough to fill the world's largest airplane has been delivered to the Redstone Arsenal, a U.S. Army base in Huntsville, Ala.

Army officials admitted Tuesday that truckloads of material were delivered Monday to Alabama by a Russian An-124 aircraft, but nobody would say what the cargo was.

"This is classified," said Dave Harris, a civilian public information officer at the base. "I can tell you that it was not nuclear material and that there was nothing on that plane that poses a hazard."

Also, he said, the cargo "was not a single thing."

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New mutilations reported

by Monty Gaddy

Another buffalo bull was found mutilated Monday, November 7, at the Denver Buffalo Company ranch 20 miles east of Kiowa. Ranch manager Doug Stewart said he made the discovery early in the afternoon on Monday.

The dead bull was found in the same pen as the buffalo that was found mutilated on October 19.

Stewart said the only organ missing was the bull's penis.

"It was even stranger than the other one because the penis was cut out 12 or 14 inches back up into the animal, underneath the hide," Stewart said. "There's absolutely no way on earth a predator could have done it."

Stewart said he has become very disgusted with people who suggest that predators may be responsible for the mutilations.

Stewart said he read in a Denver paper of a La Veta rancher who had three recent cattle mutilations at his place. The rancher is adamant that the mutilations were NOT predator attacks. "That guy has been down there 47

years, and he's never seen anything like this in his life," Stewart said. "It just flabbergasts me that no one can take this seriously."

Stewart said he was present at a public gathering that took place in Elbert County a few days after Ranchland News printed the article about the first mutilation at his ranch.

"I had at least 20 different people approach me who had read the article, and who said that they'd had something like that happen to them in the last five years that they couldn't explain," Stewart said.

Stewart called his veterinarian and told him about the buffalobull he found Monday.

Stewart said, "He (the vet) said he didn't even need to come look at it. He said there's no way a coyote could have done what I was describing. He said someone had to have cut the penis out. Pure and simple."

Another Elbert County rancher, who asked that his name and address not be printed, called a local veterinarian on Monday to

check a dead cow that may have been mutilated. The udder was completely gone from the animal. The rancher told *Ranchland News* it appeared that the udder had been removed with surgical precision.

The veterinarian, however, thought the cuts may have been caused by a predator. He explained that straight cuts can turn into circle and oval shapes when the dead animal swells up. To test his theory, the vet cut a straight line in the hide of the cow and told the rancher to check the animal again in a few days to see if the straight cut had turned into an oval or circle. Hopefully, results of this test will be printed in an upcoming issue.

Neither Stewart nor the anonymous rancher reported their apparent mutilations to the Elbert County Sheriff's Department.

Stewart said he didn't file a report because he didn't think it would do any good because it seems to him that the sheriff's department does not take such reports seriously.



MONTY GADDY/Ranchland News

Limon veterinarian Leesa McCue performs a necropsy on a buffalo that was found mutilated last Monday in Elbert County. Assisting are Simla ranchers Dave Nipple (foreground) and Ted Hasenbalg. The bull's penis had been cut out beneath the surface. McCue said the cause of death could not be determined due to decomposition. The buffalo was found dead Monday and the necropsy was done Wednesday. Tissue samples were submitted to a lab for analysis.

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Small asteroid just misses Earth — only 64,000 miles above Russia

The Associated Press

TUCSON — A 30-foot-long rock traveling 27,000 mph has barreled past Earth only a record-setting 64,000 miles away, astronomers say.

Tom Gehrels, director of the University of Arizona's Spacewatch program, said Friday that the small asteroid came closest to Earth at 11:45 a.m. Arizona time Friday as it crossed Russia "somewhere between St. Petersburg and Moscow."

The pass was less than one-third of the distance between the Earth and the moon and was about 29,000 miles closer than the previous record set when an asteroid designated 1993KA2 passed Earth on May 20, 1993, said Gehrels, who spotted that one.

The latest one, designated 1994XM1, was detected Thursday night by university astronomer James Scotti, who was the first to sight 34 of the 82 asteroids near the Earth that the Spacewatch team has discovered since October 1989.

Spacewatch aims an electronic camera through a telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory southwest of Tucson to scan the skies for small nearby asteroids.

Brian Marsden of the International Astronomical Union based in Cambridge, Mass., confirmed that 1994XM1 set a record for coming closest to Earth. He said he used electronic mail to alert other astronomers after Scotti notified him but that no one else detected the asteroid.

"This is an extraordinarily difficult

type of observation to make because they're zipping across the sky, and they're really not that bright," Marsden said. "When it's really this close, Spacewatch is essentially the only instrument that can do it."

Scotti said he tracked the asteroid

for about five hours.

He said that at any given moment, there are about 50 asteroids of its size passing Earth about as close as the moon. About 10 of them hit Earth's upper atmosphere every year and explode there harmlessly.

tom teepen

Monday, Oct. 10, 1994 THE YUMA (ARIZ.) DAILY SUN

UFO denial masterful deception

If you ever doubted that the Air Force has had dealings with saucer-flying space aliens — and may still have secret truck with them for all we know — put the doubts aside.

The Air Force has issued an official 25-page report of its official months-long investigation involving official CIA photo analyses, interviews and archival searches.

The report insists that the only thing that happened in Roswell, N.M., 47 years ago was that someone found some junk from a then-secret balloon used to monitor the atmosphere for Soviet nuclear tests.

In a word, Ha!

This, after all the make-work of supposed investigation, is little more than what the Air Force has been saying all along.

That the busy Air Force would go to such lengths of denial, over such an extended period, is about the best proof you can hope for that it is covering up.

Not that the UFO buffs haven't sometimes carried their suspicions too far.

Their full theory — and remember, they've had nigh unto a half-century to work on it — adds that the bodies of extraterrestrials were found at a secret site and have ever since been kept in a secret drawer in a secret room at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

That much figures. If you were trying to hide something, wouldn't you think of Dayton, Ohio?

The usual claim, however, is that the bodies are those of little green creatures

They are blue. Why else would the Air Force have coded the affair Project Blue Book? The answer is clear.

The Air Force has a long history of this sort of slippery business.

It claims to have invented "stealth" airplanes that it says radar can't see. And it says that a supposedly secret, 3.5-million-acre base in Nevada that the locals know all about and call Dreamland doesn't exist.

Why would you believe anything uttered by an armed-service branch that says it can see airplanes that radar can't but can't see 5 percent of a whole state? A really big state?

Col. Richard Weaver, who wrote the Air Force cover-up report, of course scoffs at the many who won't fall for it. He tries to discredit the saucer-knowledgeable this way:

"What is uniquely lacking in the entire exploration and exploitation of the Roswell Incident is official positive documentary or physical evidence of any kind that supports the claims of those who allege that something unusual happened."

Exactly! How could anyone produce that, with the Air Force keeping everything secret? Col. Weaver's gloating ill-becomes a tax-supported institution.

The Air Force has persuaded a fair number of folks to dismiss the responsible citizens who know about UFOs and are trying to bring the word to the rest of us before it is too late.

But this is a country in which many believe Bob Dole is amusing, Elvis is malling, guns don't kill people, Pat Robertson can pray hurricanes away between shows and Dan Quayle should be president.

Believing in flying saucers and little gr... blue men is no trick at all.

Tom Teepen is national correspondent of Cox Newspapers.

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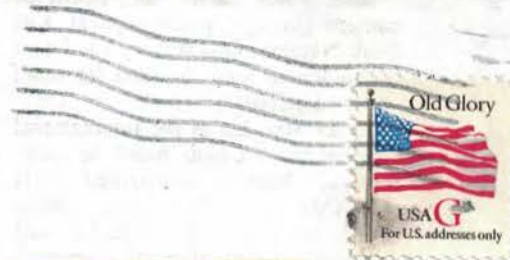
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